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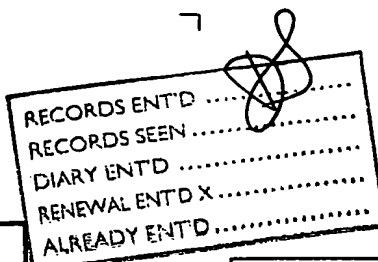
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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 1-4

An outer mirror provided a space between the mirror housing and the vehicle body

2. Claims: 5-8

An outer mirror comprising a base lens cover on the mirror base



### CLAIMS INCURRING FEES

The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

- ☐ Only part of the claims have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claim(s):
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## ABSTRACT / ZUSAMMENFASSUNG / ABREGE

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An outer mirror assembly for a vehicle is provided, which includes a mirror base (10) extending outwardly from a side of a vehicle body (VB), a mirror housing (20) that is suspended from the mirror base (10) so that a space (S) between the vehicle body (VB) and the mirror housing (20) can be provided and a rear view mirror (23a) is disposed in the mirror housing (20). A further aspect concerns an outer mirror assembly having a base (110), a mirror housing (130) suspended. From the base (110) and a base lens cover (121) on the mirror base (110). The light source (122) is installed on the mirror base (110) or on the vehicle body (VB).